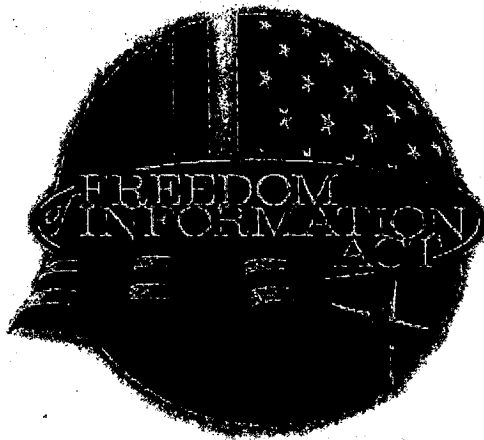


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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-119144)

DATE: 5/21/54

FROM : PAUL L. BRINTON

SUBJECT: MAUDE Carr, wa.  
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*Paul Brinton*

On 5/20/54 MRS. ESTHER JAMES, complainant, apt. 3S, 177 Amsterdam

St., NYC was interviewed regarding MAUDE CARR wa. MAUDE ADAMSON, apt. 6

St., 147th St., NYC by SA BRADLEY C. FIGGS and the writer.

She again furnished substantially the same information as set out in serial #1 (complainant form). In addition she was able to specifically state that the subject was a Communist as such, however she assumed the subject was a C.P. member because of her activity, such as the subject soliciting signatures on petitions in sympathy with CLAUDIA JONES, JULIA ROSENBERG, JEANETTE BLACKBURN, WM. J. FOSTER, and FERDINAND SMITH. She said that the subject had been seen soliciting the signatures and had also asked her to sign such petitions.

*Julius (and)*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office: <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin: <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date: <b>3/6/56</b>	Investigative Period: <b>2/27, 2/23, 24, 27/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE:  <b>LEON PAUL GRILL</b>		Report made by: <b>ROGER L. KAAS</b> <i>20-11</i>	Typed By: <b>msb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE:  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Subject when interviewed on 2/23/56, denied ever holding membership in CP. Admitted membership in Y.C.L. from approximately 1936 to 1939 and W.L.G. membership during latter part of 1946 only. Also admitted registering preference for ALP on at least one occasion.

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On February 23, 1956, the subject was interviewed by SAs ROGER L. KAAS and DAVID R. EVANS, JR. During the interview he advised that he still resided at 276 South 1st Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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### 3. Communist Party Front Organizations

During the interview GRILL further advised that in 1936 while he was a student at City College of New York, he joined the Young Communist League (YCL). He stated this was not a branch on the campus, but was known as the "44 Ave. C" club. He was induced to join by a friend, HY SIGMAN. GRILL stated that at that time he had known SIGMAN for about two years, but had not seen him now for about fifteen years and had no idea as to his whereabouts. U

GRILL related he would say he had been very active in the YCL, in that he attended many study-group sessions and handed out leaflets on all occasions. He admitted studying such books as "The History of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union", "The Communist Manifesto", and others he could not remember. He stated that the meeting place at 44 Avenue C, Manhattan, was a sort of "hang out" and that he would be there three or four times a week. When questioned as to his associates in the club, GRILL stated that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were very active and led most of the study-group discussions. U

The Young Communist League was cited by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (USDC SDNY) on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. U

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953. U

In addition to the ROSENBERGS, GRILL furnished the names of AL TERESMAN and BENJAMIE DAVIS. He stated that these people were believed by him to be CP members in addition to members of the YCL and that they held high positions in the YCL, but that he did not know the exact office. He advised that he could remember no other names. U

GRILL said that he believed it was sometime in 1937 when he transferred to the downtown branch of the YCL within City College. He U

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NEW YORK OFFICE OF CASE	NEW YORK OFFICE OF CASE	2/6/56	1/27, 2/23, 26, 29/56
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Subject was interviewed on 2/6/56, during which he admitted membership in C.P. Admitted membership in Y.C.L. from approximately 1930 to 1935 and Y.C.C. membership during latter part of 1930 only. Also admitted registering preference for A.P. on at least one occasion.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

Residence

On February 28, 1956, the subject was interviewed by SAs ROGER L. WASS and DAVID P. STINE, JR. During the interview he advised that he still resided at 170 South 1st Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Communist Party Young Organizations

During the interview GILL further advised that in 1935 while he was a student at City College of New York, he joined the Young Communist League (YCL). He stated this was not a branch of the CP, but was known as the "66 Ave. C" club. He was induced to join by a friend, H. SIEGAL. GILL stated that at that time he had known SIEGAL for about two years, but had not seen him now for about fifteen years and had no idea as to his whereabouts.

GILL related he would not be in New York City in the fall of 1951 as he was in the hospital, recovering from illness but would be on all occasions. He admitted reading such books as "The History of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union", "The Communist Manifesto", and others he could not remember. He stated that the meeting place at 44 Avenue C, Manhattan, was a sort of "hang out" and that he would be there three or four times a week. When questioned as to his associates in the club, GILL stated that JAMES and STEVE ROSENBERG were very active and led most of the study-group discussions.

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JAMES and EVELYN ROSENBERG were legally executed at San Quentin Prison, California, New York on June 19, 1953.

In addition to the ROSENBERGS, GILL furnished the names of AL THOMPSON and MARGARET DAVIS. He stated that these people were believed to be CP workers in addition to members of the YCL and that they held high positions in the YCL, but that he did know the exact office. He advised that he could remember no other names.

GILL said that he believed it was sometime in 1937 when he transferred to the downtown branch of the YCL within City College. He

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 3/6/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/27, 2/23, 3/27/56
TITLE OF CASE HARRY GOLD		REPORT MADE BY ROSE L. FINE
CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C		

Subject when interviewed on 2/23/56, denied ever holding membership in CP. Admitted membership in F.O.L. from approximately 1936 to 1938 and I.W.O. membership during latter part of 1943 only. Also admitted registering preference for ICP on at least one occasion.

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

1. Residence

On February 27, 1956, the subject was interviewed by SAs ROSE L. FINE and DAVID E. JAMES, JR. During the interview he advised that he still resides at 278 South 1st Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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B. Communist Party Front Organizations

During the interview GRILL further advised that in 1938 while he was a student at City College of New York, he joined the Young Communist League (YCL). He stated this was not a branch of the CP, but was known as the "44 Ave. C" club. He was induced to join by a friend, HY ROSEN, GRILL stated that at that time he had known ROSEN for about two years, but did not see him for about fifteen years and had no idea as to his whereabouts.

GRILL related he had seen and had a copy of the YCL, in that he attended many study-group sessions and handed out leaflets on all occasions. He admitted carrying such books as "The History of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union", "The Communist Manifesto", and others he could not remember. He stated that the meeting place at 44 Avenue C, Manhattan, was a sort of "hang out" and that he would be there three or four times a week. When questioned as to his associates in the club, GRILL stated that JOHNNY and EUGENE ROSENBERG were very active and led most of the study-group sessions.

1) The Young Communist League was cited by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

EUGENE and EUGENE ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (USDC S.D. NY) on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951.

ROSENBERG and EUGENE ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 30, 1953.

In addition to the ROSENBERGS, GRILL furnished the names of AL TILSMAN and BENJAMIN LAVIS. He stated that those people were believed by him to be CP members in addition to members of the YCL and that they held high positions in the YCL, but that he did know their exact offices. He advised that he could remember no other names.

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The subject's mother, CLAIKE VAGO, aka. (Bufile 100-335813, NY file 100-66457), was deleted from the SI on 8/29/55.

The subject's father, OSCAR JOHN VAGO, aka. (Bufile 101-1988, NY file 100-55242), was also deleted from the SI on 10/19/55.

It is noted that the subject's father, from 1944 to 1949, was affiliated with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, who figured prominently in the HARRY GOLD Espionage Apparatus. However, no direct evidence of actual involvement on the part of the subject's father was developed. It is further noted that on 9/28/50, the Federal Grand Jury for the SDNY, returned an indictment against the subject's father charging he committed perjury in testimony given under oath before the Federal Grand Jury on 9/20/50. He was charged with giving false testimony concerning his country of residence from 1929 to 1932. He was found guilty by Federal Judge STEPHEN J. RYAN ( he waived trial by jury) and was sentenced to a three year suspended sentence and placed on three years probation.

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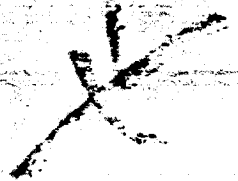
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INFORMANTS

The following informants were utilized to document the subject's father OSCAR J. VAGO and the subject's mother, CLAIRE VAGO:

Identity of Source

Location

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Copy to:

Report of: SA LOUIS E. DROWN

Office: NEW YORK

Date: 2 2 8 1959

File Number: New York 100-134729

Title: JOHN PAUL VAGO

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 164-13 73rd Ave., Queens, NY, and is a student at CCNY, NYC. Subject a member of the YSA as of April, 1958; disassociated from YSA in about May, 1958. Subject attended a YSA meeting during January, 1958; attended a YSA Valentine Day's social during February, 1958, and a YSA House Warming during April, 1958. Subjectms attended several SCOPE classes and affairs during 1958 and 1959. Background data and description set forth.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information furnished on February 4, 1958, by New York T-1, reflecting that the subject was present at a business meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) held on January 29, 1958, at 360 West 27th Street, New York City. It was during this meeting that the subject was elected as a member of the YSA.

See appendix for characterization of the YSA.



Relatives - Communist Party (CP) Activity

Father - OSCAR J. VAGO  
Mother - CLAIRE VAGO

During October, 1943, NY T-5 furnished information reflecting that the subject's father, OSCAR J. VAGO, had on October 15, 1943, been officially transferred from the C-3 Branch of the CP to the 6th AD Branch, Queens County CP.

On May 22, 1944, NY T-6 furnished information reflecting that the subject's father was a member-at-large of the Rego Park Club, Queens County CP.

On April 23, 1947, NY T-7 furnished information reflecting that the subject's father was a member of the Trylon Club, Rego Section, Queens County CP.

T-7 stated on May 20, 1949, that he believed the subject's mother and father to be members of the Queens County CP at that time.

On October 9, 1950, Mrs. BERNICE RIVERIA, 117 West 114th Street, New York City, furnished a signed statement to SA VICTOR TURYN. In this statement, Mrs. RIVERIA relates that she worked for the subject's father approximately two months during 1948. She stated that during her brief employment by the VAGOS, the subject's mother attempted to recruit her into the CP on several occasions. Mrs. RIVERIA further stated that Mrs. VAGO had told her that both she and Mr. VAGO were CP members.

Mrs. RIVERIA advised in this statement, that she was also employed as a domestic at this time, by a Mrs. HARILYN BAILEY, whom she described as the Secretary or Treasurer of the CP in Queens. Mrs. RIVERIA stated that she saw Mr. and Mrs. VAGO's names in a notebook maintained by Mrs. BAILEY, which Mrs. BAILEY described to her as a notebook containing the names of CP members in Queens.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The other New York informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party (CP) activities in the New York City area, advised, when contacted in March, 1959, that they could not furnish any information about the subject.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

IV. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from New York T-1, New York T-2, and New York T-4 and from the records of CCNY, New York City:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	May 12, 1936
Place of Birth	Queens County, New York
Height	5' 10½"
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Brown, dark
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium
Build	Thin
Peculiarities	Wears glasses
Residence	164-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York
Occupation	Student CCNY New York City
Relatives	
Father	OSCAR J. VAGO/ 164-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York
Mother	CLAIRE VAGO/ 164-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York
Sister	SUSAN VAGO/ 164-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOHN PAUL VAGO</b>	Report made by <b>LOUIS E. BROWN</b>		Typed By: <b>MBN</b>
	CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>		

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Report of: LOUIS B. BROWN  
Date: MAR 25 1959

Office: NEW YORK

File Number: New York 100-134729

Title:

YSA; YSA VISA

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

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### IV. DESCRIPTION

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Place of Birth	Queens County, New York
Height	5' 10"
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Brown, dark
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium
Build	Thin
Peculiarities	Wears glasses
Residence	104-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York
Occupation	Student CCNY New York City
Relatives	
Father	OSCAR J. VAGO 104-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York
Mother	CLAIRE VAGO 104-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York
Sister	SUSAN VAGO 104-13 73rd Avenue Queens, New York

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-135206)  
ATT : SUPERVISOR  
FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

DATE: 1/27/61

SUBJECT: WALTER D. SCHMIDT  
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Subject is presently writing a book about HARRY GOLD, the convicted Soviet spy. He has been in contact with various persons involved in the GOLD - ROSENBERG and related cases and with others directly or indirectly connected with it. He is known to have said that the book will be published by a so-called popular publisher. Investigation has been directed toward identifying his contacts and activities, and being alert to identify his publisher.

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chemist and was in Harvey Gold case.  
Brothman included on S.I. 100-95068

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Title: WALTER D. SCHNEIR

Character: MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
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January 18, 1961  
New York, New York

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The April 10, 1954 issue of "The Nation" contained an article entitled, "The Informer," by FRANK J. DONNER. DONNER was described in the article as a New York lawyer, who specialized in constitutional law and civil liberties.

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Laboratory of  
Nuclear Studies

Ithaca, New York  
January 19, 1961  
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During a permissive search of the residence of ALFRED SARANT, Rural Delivery Number 1, Ithaca, New York, in connection with the investigation of the JULIUS ROSENBERG espionage network on July 21, 1950, SAs JOHN D. MAHONEY and PETER F. MAXSON located information reflecting that a gift had been received by SARANT and his wife upon the birth of their son, JEREMY, from Doctor HANS BETHE and his wife.

SARANT, who fled the United States, entering Mexico at Hermosillo on August 9, 1950, advised during an interview in July, 1950, that he had known HANS BETHE since July, 1946 when he, SARANT, was interested in entering Cornell University as a graduate student in physics. SARANT said he was unsuccessful in his attempts to enter the graduate school, but maintained a social acquaintanceship with Doctor BETHE, who was on the faculty.

On July 28, 1950, Doctor BETHE, who was instrumental in the development of the A-Bomb during World War II, advised SAs WILLIAM C. TOWER and ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA that he never discussed any confidential data with SARANT and further denied that he ever entertained SARANT in his home or was ever in SARANT's home.

He denied that any approach, in any manner, had ever been made to him on the part of any person to furnish information to an apparent espionage agent.

On February 14, 1950, after the arrest of EMIL JULIUS KLAUS FUCHS in England on charges of espionage activity on behalf of the Russian Government, BETHE was interviewed by SA MAXSON, at which time, he said he had been a close associate and friend of FUCHS, first meeting him in England in 1934. He said that in 1944, he, BETHE, was in charge of the division at Los Alamos which performed the calculations as to how the Atom Bomb was to be made and assembled and how it would work. During this time, FUCHS worked under BETHE from mid-1944 until January, 1946, when BETHE left.

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He said FUCHS visited him at Schenectady, New York, where he, BETHE, worked for General Electric in June or July, 1946. He said he had seen FUCHS twice since then, once in England during the summer of 1948 and during the spring of 1948 or 1949 when FUCHS, at BETHE's invitation, visited him in Ithaca. BETHE said he never had any reason to suspect FUCHS of espionage or even consider him to be pro-Russian. He also considered FUCHS as absolutely loyal and trustworthy.

On July 2, 1951, DAVID GREENGLASS, a confessed Soviet espionage agent, advised SAs JOHN A. HARRINGTON and ROBERT F. ROYAL that he furnished the name of Doctor HANS BETHE, among others, to HARRY GOLD on June 4, 1945 as a possible Soviet espionage recruit. GREENGLASS said he had never met BETHE, who was then (1945) connected with the Atomic Energy Commission project at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

HARRY GOLD has advised that he gave a list which included BETHE's name to ANATOLE A. YAKOVLEV, the Vice Consul of the Soviet Consulate in New York City.

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On January 4, 1961, GILBERT W. LUDWIG, Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, reviewed his records on the subject for SA [REDACTED] b7c

Mr. LUDWIG located a copy of a letter, dated October 27, 1960, to the subject, one dated November 1, 1960, from the subject, and another dated November 3, 1960, to the subject. The correspondence concerned the case of United States versus HARRY GOLD.

This correspondence related to a request for copying certain parts of the transcript in the GOLD case. A final disposition concerned the payment of the cost of printing the December 7, 1950, and December 9, 1950, record in the GOLD case. The first letter, which was number CR/11799, referred to the commissioner's hearing in the GOLD case and the second letter referred to criminal docket number 15769, the trial record in the case. According to LUDWIG, SCHNEIR had apparently requested that copies be made of the records concerning the commissioner's hearing. Copies were made of the trial record on the dates of December 7 and December 9, 1950, which amounted to 146 pages of

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record. According to LUDWIG, the trial record reflects that on December 7, 1950, a hearing on a motion for sentence was held and on December 9, 1950, GOLD was sentenced to imprisonment for thirty years.

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D. Subject's Trip to the Southwest

b7c On February 3, 1961, ROSALEA TERRELL, 130 West Carson Street, San Antonio, Texas, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that she had received a long distance telephone call at 10:00 p.m. on February 2, 1961, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, from an individual who gave his name as WALTER SCHNEIR. She said SCHNEIR told her he obtained her name from her former landlady, Mrs. W. P. FREEMAN, North High Street, Albuquerque, and he desired some background information concerning DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS, who formerly had an apartment in Mrs. FREEMAN's apartment house while

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TERRELL resided in an adjoining apartment in 1945. SCHNEIR told her he was writing a story concerning the GREENGLASSES.

She advised, SCHNEIR asked her questions about the GREENGLASS case, but she advised him she was unable to recall them. According to TERRELL, SCHNEIR then asked her if anyone had questioned her about the GREENGLASSES at the time of the investigation concerning them. After she withheld her answer, SCHNEIR said, "Well the FBI talked to you." According to TERRELL, she neither confirmed nor denied being interviewed by the FBI. TERRELL said she was not called upon to testify in the trial of DAVID GREENGLASS.

TERRELL was interviewed by SA WILLARD L. ROBERTS of the San Antonio Office in June, 1950, concerning the GREENGLASSES activities, contacts and associates while they resided in an apartment adjoining that of TERRELL at 209½ North High Street, Albuquerque, from March to October, 1945.

On February 16, 1961, Mrs. W. P. FREEMAN, 209 High, Northeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised an agent of the Albuquerque Office that SCHNEIR had contacted her two or three times, identifying himself as a writer and stating that he and his wife were writing a book about the HARRY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS cases. Mrs. FREEMAN said she answered his general questions and suggested that if he wanted to know more about the matter, he should contact the FBI. Mrs. FREEMAN said that from his conversation, he seemed to know more about the GREENGLASSES than she did.

On February 16 and 17, 1961, Mrs. LINDA HUGHES, a housekeeper at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque, advised an agent of the Albuquerque Office that she had received a letter from SCHNEIR setting out a list of questions he desired answered. Mrs. HUGHES said that about two weeks before this, she had been contacted by SCHNEIR, at which time, he indicated to her that he was a writer and was preparing a work dealing with the operations of hotels during the years of World War II. He questioned her concerning these matters and subsequently, started questioning her about the HARRY GOLD case and wanted to know whether the registration card for HARRY GOLD, at this hotel, was still available. Mrs. HUGHES said she advised him she was sure that the card

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had been turned over to the FBI and was not aware whether it had been returned. Mrs. HUGHES also suggested that SCHNEIR contact the FBI if he wanted information about the matter.

Mrs. HUGHES furnished the letter from SCHNEIR in which he mentions that he has a "replica" of what he believes to be the Hotel Hilton registration card from the year 1945, number 65841. Mrs. HUGHES stated she believes from the letter that SCHNEIR undoubtedly has a replica of the card, but does not know where he obtained it. Mrs. HUGHES said that she did not intend to answer SCHNEIR's questions in the letter and that it is the policy of the hotel that information from registration cards be made available only to duly constituted law enforcement agencies.

This letter, which was dated February 14, 1961, is on the letterhead stationary of the subject at his resident address and is addressed to Mrs. LLIDA HUGHES, Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque, New Mexico. A portion of this letter is set forth verbatim below:

"I have a replica of what I believe to be a Hotel Hilton registration card from the year 1945 and I think it would make a nice illustration for the work in progress that I told you about. However, since readers are frequently no more knowledgeable about hotel operations than writers, I will have to offer some detailed explanations of some of the card's entries. For this reason I would be extremely grateful if you would answer the following questions:

"(1) There is a notation which reads: 'We reserve the right to limit the length of your stay in compliance with government directives to have rooms quickly available to (illegible) on military or other war business.' This notation appears in the upper left hand section of the card, just under the word 'Welcome.' I assume this was simply stamped on the card with some kind of rubber stamp. Is that correct? What can you tell me about the use of this stamp?

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"(2) The number on the card is 65841. I assume this card is from 1945. Could you tell me what the probable date would be?

"(3) The room number is 1001. Anything special about this?

"(4) Under 'Rate' it says: '\$1.50 day rate.' Could you explain this please? What is the meaning of 'day rate?' I seem to recollect that you said that a single was about \$3.00 in those days.

"(5) Under 'Clerk' there appears an initial that looks like this: *ax* Does that initial mean anything to you?

"(6) There is no mark under 'Baggage.' Does that mean that the individual had no baggage? In that case, would the person have had to have paid in advance or given a special key deposit? Would the card be marked to show it?

"(7) Under 'Remarks' is the phrase 'until 8 PM.' Could you explain that please?

"(8) You had mentioned to me that cards were time-stamped. There does not seem to be any time-stamp on this one. Why would that be?

"(9) On the back of the card, not too legible, I read:

"RECEIVED  
(illegible) 4 1236 PM (illegible)  
Hilton Hotel  
Albuquerque"

"What does the word 'RECEIVED' indicate? What does the date and time indicate?

"I look forward with great interest to the answer to my questions. Inasmuch as I have certain deadline problems regarding this material I will be very appreciative if you can answer these questions as soon

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"as possible and for your convenience I am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope."

The files of the Albuquerque Office reflect that the HARRY GOLD registration card was Number 65841, and was returned to the Hilton Hotel on August 4, 1951.

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Technilux Corporation, Metal Products, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York.

On January 27, 1961,

[REDACTED], advised SA [REDACTED] that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN is employed at this company as a chemist.

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On January 16, 1951, ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY was contacted by SAs BERT S. TAYLOR and JOHN H. COLLINS regarding his knowledge of ABRAHAM BROTHAM. SVENCHANSKY advised that his attorney was JOSEPH SPENCER, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and insisted the interview with him be conducted in SPENCER's presence.

The October 31, 1953 issue of the "New York Times" stated that HARRY GOLD, convicted espionage agent, had sworn to an affidavit (on October 29, 1953) at Lewisburg Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in which he named ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY as a Soviet espionage agent.

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JAMES F. MAHAN, an attorney, telephonically advised the Boston Office on November 7, 1960, of the following:

MAHAN's client, ROBERT HEINEMAN, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was recently contacted by one (First Name Unknown) SCHMEIR, who represented himself as a writer for the "Reporter" magazine, published in New

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York City. HEINEMAN is the former husband of ELMA ANNA DOROTHEA IDA KRISTEL FUCHS, sister of the convicted Soviet atomic spy, EMIL KLAUS FUCHS. SCHMEIR desired to interview HEINEMAN regarding his knowledge of the principals in the ROSENBERG case. He also expressed to HEINEMAN, at this time, his belief that the ROSENBERGS were unjustly convicted and his suspicion that HARRY GOLD was a pathological liar.

HEINEMAN informed SCHMEIR that he had no comment to make on the ROSENBERG case and MAHAN has instructed HEINEMAN to decline comment in the event any future contact by SCHMEIR is made.

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Unless noted otherwise, files of the New York Division failed to reflect any information identifiable with persons mentioned in this report.

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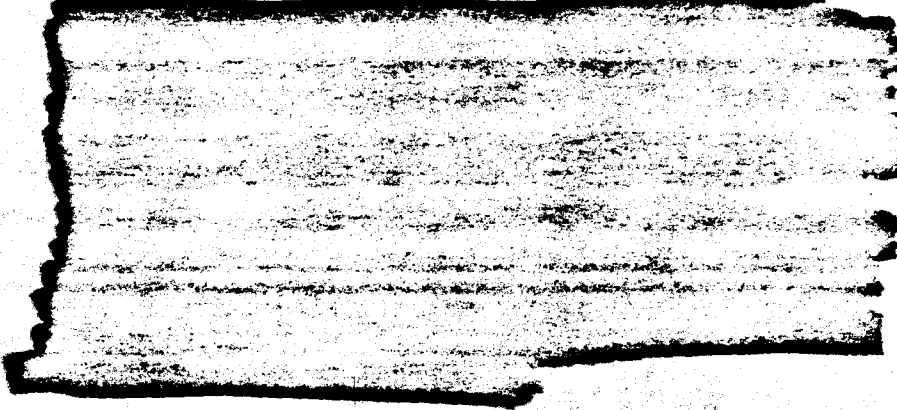
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Perlin and Piel,  
342 Madison Avenue,  
New York 17, New York

January 18, 1961  
New York, New York

Records of NY T-3, checked on January 31, 1961,  
reflected no record for this firm.

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A pamphlet issued by the Committee On Un-American Activities, "Investigation of Communist Infiltration in Government", carried the testimony of FRANK DONNER on June 28, 1956. DONNER testified about his employment with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), in Washington, D.C., from early 1940 to January, 1945. DONNER declined questions as to his Communist Party (CP) membership or atten-

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dance at CP meetings. It was brought out during the course of testimony of former NLRB employees, HERBERT FUCHS, MORTIMER RIEMER, and HARRY COOPER, that DONNER had been identified as a member of the organized group of the CP, composed of staff members of the NLRB.

The April 10, 1954 issue of "The Nation" contained an article entitled, "The Informer," by FRANK J. DONNER. DONNER was described in the article as a New York lawyer, who specialized in constitutional law and civil liberties.

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BETHE,  
Cornell University,  
Laboratory of  
Nuclear Studies

Ithaca, New York  
January 19, 1961  
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During a permissive search of the residence of ALFRED SARANT, Rural Delivery Number 1, Ithaca, New York, in connection with the investigation of the JULIUS ROSENBERG espionage network on July 21, 1950, SAs JOHN D. MAHONEY and PETER F. MAXSON located information reflecting that a gift had been received by SARANT and his wife upon the birth of their son, JEREMY, from Doctor HANS BETHE and his wife.

SARANT, who fled the United States, entering Mexico at Hermosillo on August 9, 1950, advised during an interview in July, 1950, that he had known HANS BETHE since July, 1946 when he, SARANT, was interested in entering Cornell University as a graduate student in physics. SARANT said he was unsuccessful in his attempts to enter the graduate school, but maintained a social acquaintanceship with Doctor BETHE, who was on the faculty.

On July 28, 1950, Doctor BETHE, who was instrumental in the development of the A-Bomb during World War II, advised SAs WILLIAM C. TOWER and ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA that he never discussed any confidential data with SARANT and further denied that he ever entertained SARANT in his home or was ever in SARANT's home.

He denied that any approach, in any manner, had ever been made to him on the part of any person to furnish information to an apparent espionage agent.

On February 14, 1950, after the arrest of EMIL JULIUS KLAUS FUCHS in England on charges of espionage activity on behalf of the Russian Government, BETHE was interviewed by SA MAXSON, at which time, he said he had been a close associate and friend of FUCHS, first meeting him in England in 1934. He said that in 1944, he, BETHE, was in charge of the division at Los Alamos which performed the calculations as to how the Atom Bomb was to be made and assembled and how it would work. During this time, FUCHS worked under BETHE from mid-1944 until January, 1946, when BETHE left.



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He said FUCHS visited him at Schenectady, New York, where he, BETHE, worked for General Electric in June or July, 1946. He said he had seen FUCHS twice since then, once in England during the summer of 1948 and during the spring of 1948 or 1949 when FUCHS, at BETHE's invitation, visited him in Ithaca. BETHE said he never had any reason to suspect FUCHS of espionage or even consider him to be pro-Russian. He also considered FUCHS as absolutely loyal and trustworthy.

On July 2, 1951, DAVID GREENGLASS, a confessed Soviet espionage agent, advised SAs JOHN A. HARRINGTON and ROBERT F. ROYAL that he furnished the name of Doctor HANS BETHE, among others, to HARRY GOLD on June 4, 1945 as a possible Soviet espionage recruit. GREENGLASS said he had never met BETHE, who was then (1945) connected with the Atomic Energy Commission project at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

HARRY GOLD has advised that he gave a list which included BETHE's name to ANATOLE A. YAKOVLEV, the Vice Consul of the Soviet Consulate in New York City.

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b7c On January 4, 1961, GILBERT W. LUDWIG, Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, reviewed his records on the subject for SA [REDACTED]. Mr. LUDWIG located a copy of a letter, dated October 27, 1960, to the subject, one dated November 1, 1960, from the subject, and another dated November 3, 1960, to the subject. The correspondence concerned the case of United States versus HARRY GOLD. This correspondence related to a request for copying certain parts of the transcript in the GOLD case. A final disposition concerned the payment of the cost of printing the December 7, 1950, and December 9, 1950, record in the GOLD case. The first letter, which was number CR/11799, referred to the commissioner's hearing in the GOLD case and the second letter referred to criminal docket number 15769, the trial record in the case. According to LUDWIG, SCHNEIR had apparently requested that copies be made of the records concerning the commissioner's hearing. Copies were made of the trial record on the dates of December 7 and December 9, 1950, which amounted to 146 pages of

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record. According to LUDWIG, the trial record reflects that on December 7, 1950, a hearing on a motion for sentence was held and on December 9, 1950, GOLD was sentenced to imprisonment for thirty years.

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D. Subject's Trip to the Southwest

b7c On February 3, 1961, ROSALEA TERRELL, 130 West Carson Street, San Antonio, Texas, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that she had received a long distance telephone call at 10:00 p.m. on February 2, 1961, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, from an individual who gave his name as WALTER SCHNEIR. She said SCHNEIR told her he obtained her name from her former landlady, Mrs. W. P. FREEMAN, North High Street, Albuquerque, and he desired some background information concerning DAVID and RUTH GREENGLASS, who formerly had an apartment in Mrs. FREEMAN's apartment house while

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TERRELL resided in an adjoining apartment in 1945. SCHNEIR told her he was writing a story concerning the GREENGLASSES.

She advised, SCHNEIR asked her questions about the GREENGLASS case, but she advised him she was unable to recall them. According to TERRELL, SCHNEIR then asked her if anyone had questioned her about the GREENGLASSES at the time of the investigation concerning them. After she withheld her answer, SCHNEIR said, "Well the FBI talked to you." According to TERRELL, she neither confirmed nor denied being interviewed by the FBI. TERRELL said she was not called upon to testify in the trial of DAVID GREENGLASS.

TERRELL was interviewed by SA WILLARD L. ROBERTS of the San Antonio Office in June, 1950, concerning the GREENGLASSES activities, contacts and associates while they resided in an apartment adjoining that of TERRELL at 209 $\frac{1}{2}$  North High Street, Albuquerque, from March to October, 1945.

On February 16, 1961, Mrs. W. B. FREEMAN, 209 High. Northeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised an agent of the Albuquerque Office that SCHNEIR had contacted her two or three times, identifying himself as a writer and stating that he and his wife were writing a book about the HARRY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS cases. Mrs. FREEMAN said she answered his general questions and suggested that if he wanted to know more about the matter, he should contact the FBI. Mrs. FREEMAN said that from his conversation, he seemed to know more about the GREENGLASSES than she did.

On February 16 and 17, 1961, Mrs. LINDA HUGHES, a housekeeper at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque, advised an agent of the Albuquerque Office that she had received a letter from SCHNEIR setting out a list of questions he desired answered. Mrs. HUGHES said that about two weeks before this, she had been contacted by SCHNEIR, at which time, he indicated to her that he was a writer and was preparing a work dealing with the operations of hotels during the years of World War II. He questioned her concerning these matters and subsequently, started questioning her about the HARRY GOLD case and wanted to know whether the registration card for HARRY GOLD, at this hotel, was still available. Mrs. HUGHES said she advised him she was sure that the card

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had been turned over to the FBI and was not aware whether it had been returned. Mrs. HUGHES also suggested that SCHNEIR contact the FBI if he wanted information about the matter.

Mrs. HUGHES furnished the letter from SCHNEIR in which he mentions that he has a "replica" of what he believes to be the Hotel Hilton registration card from the year 1945, number 65841. Mrs. HUGHES stated she believes from the letter that SCHNEIR undoubtedly has a replica of the card, but does not know where he obtained it. Mrs. HUGHES said that she did not intend to answer SCHNEIR's questions in the letter and that it is the policy of the hotel that information from registration cards be made available only to duly constituted law enforcement agencies.

This letter, which was dated February 14, 1961, is on the letterhead stationery of the subject at his resident address and is addressed to Mrs. LINDA HUGHES, Hotel Hilton, Albuquerque, New Mexico. A portion of this letter is set forth verbatim below:

"I have a replica of what I believe to be a Hotel Hilton registration card from the year 1945 and I think it would make a nice illustration for the work in progress that I told you about. However, since readers are frequently no more knowledgeable about hotel operations than writers, I will have to offer some detailed explanations of some of the card's entries. For this reason I would be extremely grateful if you would answer the following questions:

"(1) There is a notation which reads: 'We reserve the right to limit the length of your stay in compliance with government directives to have rooms quickly available to (illegible) on military or other war business.' This notation appears in the upper left hand section of the card, just under the word 'Welcome.' I assume this was simply stamped on the card with some kind of rubber stamp. Is that correct? What can you tell me about the use of this stamp?

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"(2) The number on the card is 65841. I assume this card is from 1945. Could you tell me what the probable date would be?

"(3) The room number is 1001. Anything special about this?

"(4) Under 'Rate' it says: '\$1.50 day rate.' Could you explain this please? What is the meaning of 'day rate?' I seem to recollect that you said that a single was about \$3.00 in those days.

"(5) Under 'Clerk' there appears an initial that looks like this: *ax* Does that initial mean anything to you?

"(6) There is no mark under 'Baggage.' Does that mean that the individual had no baggage? In that case, would the person have had to have paid in advance or given a special key deposit? Would the card be marked to show it?

"(7) Under 'Remarks' is the phrase 'until 8 PM.' Could you explain that please?

"(8) You had mentioned to me that cards were time-stamped. There does not seem to be any time-stamp on this one. Why would that be?

"(9) On the back of the card, not too legible, I read:

"RECEIVED  
(illegible) 4 1236 PM (illegible)  
Hilton Hotel  
Albuquerque"

"What does the word 'RECEIVED' indicate? What does the date and time indicate?

"I look forward with great interest to the answer to my questions. Inasmuch as I have certain deadline problems regarding this material I will be very appreciative if you can answer these questions as soon

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"as possible and for your convenience I am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope."

The files of the Albuquerque Office reflect that the HARRY GOLD registration card was Number 65841, and was returned to the Hilton Hotel on August 4, 1951.

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Techniflex Corporation, Metal Products, 55 Jersey Avenue, Port Jervis, New York.

On January 27, 1961

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that ABRAHAM BROTHMAN is employed at this company as a chemist.

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On January 16, 1951, ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY was contacted by SAs BERT S. TAYLOR and JOHN M. COLLINS regarding his knowledge of ABRAHAM BROTHAM. SVENCHANSKY advised that his attorney was JOSEPH SPENCER, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and insisted the interview with him be conducted in SPENCER's presence.

The October 31, 1953 issue of the "New York Times" stated that HARRY GOLD, convicted espionage agent, had sworn to an affidavit (on October 29, 1953) at Lewisburg Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in which he named ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY as a Soviet espionage agent.

The "Newark Evening News," in its issue of May 15, 1956, disclosed that SVENCHANSKY was the operator of Package Express Company, 314 Market Street, Newark, New Jersey, and that the special business of this company was the handling of packages of new and used clothing, foods, and medicine to be shipped to the Soviet Union from offices of that company.

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In July, 1948, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a confessed Soviet espionage agent, testified before the Un-American Activities Committee, United States House of Representatives, that VICTOR PERLO was the leader of a Soviet espionage group known as the FERLO Group which was active in Washington, D.C. in the early 1940's.

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JAMES F. MAHAN, an attorney, telephonically advised the Boston Office on November 7, 1960, of the following:

MAHAN's client, ROBERT HEINEMAN, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was recently contacted by one (First Name Unknown) SCHMEIR, who represented himself as a writer for the "Reporter" magazine, published in New

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York City. HEINEMAN is the former husband of ELMA ANNA DOROTHEA IDA KRISTEL FUCHS, sister of the convicted Soviet atomic spy, EMIL KLAUS FUCHS. SCHMEIR desired to interview HEINEMAN regarding his knowledge of the principals in the ROSENBERG case. He also expressed to HEINEMAN, at this time, his belief that the ROSENBERGs were unjustly convicted and his suspicion that HARRY GOLD was a pathological liar.

HEINEMAN informed SCHMEIR that he had no comment to make on the ROSENBERG case and MAHAN has instructed HEINEMAN to decline comment in the event any future contact by SCHMEIR is made.

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Unless noted otherwise, files of the New York Division failed to reflect any information identifiable with persons mentioned in this report.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

MAR 31 1961

Title Walter D. Schneir

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Concerning (Espionage)

Reference is made to the report of *DL*  
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned *10/12*  
as above.

All sources (except any listed below)  
used in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

NY T-7 and NY T-9 who were in a position  
to furnish reliable information.

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